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I am interested in protecting Lost Horse Canyon. Ravalli County Road Department along with the Forest Service plan a rock quarry near the cliffs. Activation of the quarry will destroy numerous climbs, threaten dozens more, disrupt wildlife, homeowners and negatively impact scenic and recreational assets of Lost Horse Canyon.

Lost Horse Canyon is important to me because it has world class climbing cracks, traditional climbing routes, camping near a river, bouldering, mountain biking, hiking and access to back-country.

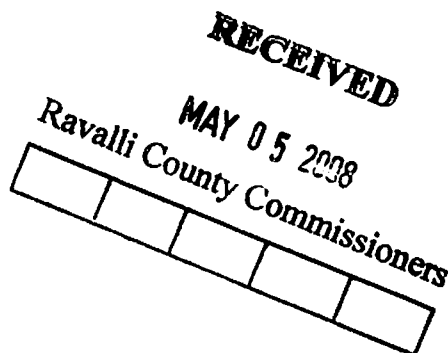
The climbing resources at Lost Horse are valuable to climbers locally, and across the country. This is one of the best climbing areas in the state.

Activation of the quarry will negatively impact the scenic nature of the area, produce noise, disrupt wildlife such as migrating game animals, wolverine, and peregrine falcons, create a scar on the land and make the area too dangerous and/or impossible for climbing and many other recreational uses.

The Forest Service should consider the unique recreational asset of Lost Horse Canyon, recognize that climbers and many other recreational users enjoy Lost Horse Canyon every month of the year, and should consider safety and access issues.

Sincerely,

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